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None posed correct response on "Why should we now care."
Powers pretended to defend U.A.W. while saying none went into conspiracy correctly.
Donner ignores all fact in this case, none addressed to this point, to claim there is a belief in conspiracies because of our history not because of fact. And then all assassins are alike, similar personality trait, except for Puerto Ricans (Truman)
Dawson says has Oswald threatening to assassinate Eisenhower & says he tried to kill Gen. Walker, attributing this latter to HSCA rather than her own book, which says it.
Donner says all were loners, mentions Booth
On the question of Who was LHO ADLER goes first to Powers

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2) Was says Oswald not a real agent but could have been connected to Cuban intelligence. Limits conspiracies to Oswald as the assassin

Powers says rules of evidence no longer material

I come on at 540. Almost exactly first side first tape. Side ends with her interruption of me

Picks up about 30 second side

She cuts me off

Dansig's "response" 110 p what HSCA said.

She then says that what I have done is "typical of conspiracy theorists."

Then theorizing starts again, with Melanson

Powers then shifts away further "by ~~focusing~~ focusing on ~~some part~~ particular

3/ Theory: Part 2 [illegible] of it!

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He says W.R. [illegible] & he is
[illegible] forced in this belief by
Davison & Priscilla McMillan's
books
without regard to fact by others
Melanson & Scott. To "Tell us
what is your theory."
Scott picks up instead on what I
said about security clearance
& gives possible significance to [illegible]
telling this [illegible] embassy that
LHO knew nothing
Powers ignores this & says the W. Report
accounts for everything ~~[illegible]~~
factual & nothing is left but
conspiracy theories & he goes into
Lifton's "Best Evidence."
This is at 254
His story now embellished to where
he has Marcello insisting that J.F.K., not
Robert, be killed

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4) He says LHO has long history of organized crime connections
Powers wants to know how mob got Oswald to do it
Scott in large agreement but says this theory does not explain WC's actions. He does see mob involvement but not limited to mob.
320 Dawson says this shows that the evidence for conspiracy is not clear
apparently Blakey began with belief that WC was right & had done a good job.
Dawson 565 on LHO's life. So extra-ordinary political documentation of it
summaries at 644 on Mexico, "core of the story" ends 665, and Tape 1
Tape 2, side 1 "Confronted" Duran
She said she had never been shown pix.
He showed her movies of LHO & she said not the man. On Comer-Clark, he was not in Havana at time he

5 supposedly interviewed Castro and probably was never there

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At 0.50 Summers is able to participate in panel although he is on phone

0.70 on Hartley – trouble with English, [illegible] a Latin

Bickey admitted big gap re Mexico in HSCA volumes

He saw HSCA 300 pp. Mexico report & goes into content. at least one photo did show Oswald

To 1.55, no interruption on phone

Powers justified CIA withholding in assassination investigation by say. they do not like to let their documents out. He says of them (CIA) a characteristic of Amer. intelligence? "They are the only real believers in the American dream."

He says most CIA people re JFK on Bay Pigs, "they blame it all on Arthur Schlesinger" & bad advice.

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6) Allen into summary of when he talks
about dishonesty of CIA witnesses
before HSCA
Dawson tries to explain away what CIA
did & Melanson says this cannot be
explained away, as their destruction of
pictures etc.
HO take first call & then lets Scott talk.
goes into Alvarado story. Alvarado worked for
Somoza's intelligence.
Call at 361. Marine in Recon. unit when
~~LH~~ JFK was killed. says LHO's job
required crypto & that required top secret
then & now. He then, for first time on show,
goes into fact & says LHO poor shot & the
crime was impossible with that rifle
Dawson to respond. Says that "old argument"
that LHO could not have fired that
fast. She resorts to HSCA's conclusions
then uses her same misuse of Delgado. - HO
could do better if he wanted to.
444 Second call, from Chicago, re Lifton film,
suppressed evidence. She "gives the question"
to a real expert to answer - Powers!

7/ Because he has no knowledge he makes a

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good point, that Lifton's

theory is just too complicated to be credited.

Scott says that Lifton persuaded him that the J. ?but - O.'s cell report is more credible than autopsy data.

Melanson does not say that Lifton's theory does not require pre-planning.

Powers says "it is a little crazy, really" that there is still discussion of evidence.

Davison pretends that nothing significant is withheld.

Melanson refers to missing fragments (rule 2)

Powers says that if all were disclosed there would still be questions.

3rd Dell, N.Y.C. - wants to know what Warren's father did. Scott says Uncle.

Davison says he was in equivalent of Interior Dept which is correct.

Adler asks what impact did assassin ation have, did it change the course of history

Powers says not really, but it...

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5) tape us what assassination means.
He then shifts + says JFK did not know of and did approve attempts to kill Castro, which was not responsive but did cover up for CIA
Dawson says the major conclusions of the WC have stood up over 20 years "that most people tend to forget"
Scott points out that HSCA concluded otherwise. Dawson says only evidence in support of HSCA, police tape, was disproven.
Ashley refers again to widespread disinformation and performance of intelligence agencies + instead of that Scott goes to question of Jack Ruby's alleged ~~mob~~ mob connections through McWillie. Says Ruby then FBI informer and "talking to it 'about' what he (Ruby) saw in Havana"
Dollar says she still has not gotten an ~~answer~~ answer to whether the agencies were honest.

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-9/ .. Melanson says that individuals were honest but agencies stonewalled.

Callen wants to know why we sealed everything for 75 years.. Adler says because of privacy.. (most have not been) Scott says most are correct....
Call in on so-called mysterious deaths..
Scott says "the big lie they gave was much too high" but Scott wants to give credence to notion. Melanson also does with a smaller number and says should be looked into....
Call in about decision on route of motorcade
Melanson says not finalized until November but because of T.M. luncheon decided on in October it would be known that there would be a motorcade & it would go through Dealey Plaza.
Suggest that Oswald was "maneuvered in" by those who had early knowledge
Adler wants to know why do we have to know what really happened.

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10) [illegible] says "it is a matter of temperament" [illegible] to [illegible] of "researchers"

Dawson says "~~we~~ "people underestimate the ~~[illegible]~~ amount of human error we run into"

Allen laughs and says that maybe in 20 years they would all be sitting around a table discussing the same thing & then she signs it off, with credits, and says it was made possible by a grant from NPR satellite [illegible] (ends at 4:30 on tape counter)